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For Next Attorney General
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Lawton.....Oklahoma

LAWTON IS GREAT

Yes! Lawton is Great! And why? There are many reasons why Lawton is great; but the special one that is on the mind of the humble editor of the FARMERS' CHAMPION at this particular time is her very large percent of brains and eminent statesmen.

What State can furnish a larger percent of statesmen—men who are brainy enough to grasp the spirit and needs of the age than Oklahoma? There is not a Commonwealth in America that can furnish statesmen who are the peers of Senator Owen and Senator Gore. Not one of their political war-scarred veterans ever crossed political "swords" with our Oklahoma heroes but what have been worsted, leaving Oklahoma's flag of honor at the masthead of the ship-of-states. Amidst all of Oklahoma's great men, there is not a city in the State that can compare with Lawton. One of her honored citizens has climbed the pinnacle of prominence and influence until he is considered a probable prominent member of President Wilson's Cabinet; one who stands as close to the incoming President as any man—not even excepting William Jennings Bryan. If fact Senator Gore is often spoken of by great men as "Old Man Wisdom." Then there is our Congressman Scott Ferris, who has grown and developed in statecraft until he now stands high in the councils and among the leading law-makers of the Nation—he is from Lawton.

Lawton has many other brilliant men, some of whom are climbing with wonderful rapidity. There is J. Elmer Thomas, who, while but a young man, has honored his home city by serving with ability and dignity in the important office of President of the State Senate, and who could have succeeded himself had he so desired. But, to our certain knowledge, now prefers the floor, that he may all the more

successfully battle for the disenthralment of a tax-burdened people. As we expected, he has been heard from in the present extraordinary session of the State Senate with wisdom, power and effect. It proves to be Senator J. Elmer Thomas' wise statecraft that is bringing harmony out of chaos in the Board of Education muddle. His plan eliminates both contending factions of the old Board, that an entire new one may be appointed. If you desire to see a "live wire," just keep your eyes on Senator Thomas from this on. Mark our prediction, that here is a young man who is destined to climb high in the councils of the Nation as well as of the State. We will risk our reputation on this prophesy. Don't fail to read "Senator Thomas' Resolutions" on our first page—and remember that he is from Lawton.

Lawton has many men whose reputation and influence have overleaped the bounds of the State. We might mention a few of them—but what's the use; come to think of it, Lawton has so many of them that time and space forbids.

Yes! Great is Lawton!

Big Masonic Doings

One of the greatest times ever "pulled off" in Masonic circles of Oklahoma was enjoyed at Lawton last Monday night; at which there were six candidates—all bright young men.

Lawton lodge put on the first work in a very creditable manner. Pilot lodge put on the second; Apache lodge the third; Fletcher lodge the fourth; Lawton lodge the fifth; and a picked team from the different lodges put on the sixth. The last one was supposed to put the work on without a mistake.

The Deputy Grand Lecturer, Morris, of Snyder, acted as W.

Master, and he certainly did the work in a very creditable manner. Mr. Cook, also of Snyder, Grand Lecturer, acted as S. Warden. The other officers were taken from the different lodges present.

Mr. Morris delivered the lectures in a most impressive manner. An hour of speech making was enjoyed by all, and the music—well, it was simply fine; and a song by an old Scotch brother was the feature of the evening.

There were two brother Masons present that took their degrees in Scotland; and, from what they said, there must be a vast difference in the work there and America. In fact, nearly every jurisdiction in the United States is a little different from any other jurisdiction.

The entertainment was a grand affair, and will be long remembered by those present, of whom there were about two hundred, from all over the county.

Those attending from Pilot Lodge were: L. C. Coffin, Tom Richardson, B. V. Hamilton, Dr. J. F. Gamble, C. W. Compton, W. D. Pugh, E. Stone, J. H. Crawford, and W. W. Brunskill, the latter going down Saturday and remaining until after the performance.

We hope some day to be able to return the compliment, and entertain Lawton Lodge.

AN EYE WITNESS.

Notice

We would ask, through the FARMERS' CHAMPION, the party or parties that broke into the Elgin school house Tuesday night, December 10th, to be careful hereafter not to burn off the shovel handle and try to fire the furnace with bottles and tin buckets, as they are liable to burn the grates, and endanger the party or parties of getting the seat of their pants "burned" in the wind-up.

JANITOR.

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L. C. COFFIN

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